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Oxford dictionary recently added some words to its dictionary that are commonly found in texting today

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Time is running out for students to register to vote. Early voting is Oct. 22 - Nov. 2.

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Deadly mosquitos don't discriminate

By Ashleigh Brents
Staff Writer

Students are normally out late and after dark; it's important that they take precautions against West Nile Virus. It has been confirmed that there are over 800 cases of West Nile in the state of Texas alone.

"We have eight confirmed cases as of Aug. 28 in Smith County. Seven of which are the West Nile Neuroinvasive Disease, which is a little more serious. And one which is the West Nile Fever which is the West Nile Fever which is a light case," said Brenda Elrod, North East Texas Health's Environmental Health Director said, "Nineteen percent of the people may develop a rash and feel yucky and think they have a summer cold and get over it. That's the West Nile Fever. Unfortunately, there is one percent that may get an infection in

the brain, which could cause encephalitis, which gives you an infection in the spinal cord and meningitis."

In July, the first few cases of West Nile Virus had been found in Dallas County, Texas. Due to the mild winter and early warm and wet summer, the mosquito population has been able to grow rapidly. This year's mosquito population has tripled in size compared to last year's 27 cases in 2011 according to the Center for Disease Control's website.

The West Nile is a disease that can spread through the bite of a female mosquito that is carrying the virus. People most susceptible to this virus are residents from the ages of 50 and up. But that doesn't mean that a student at Tyler Junior College can't get this virus. It all depends on the individual's overall health.

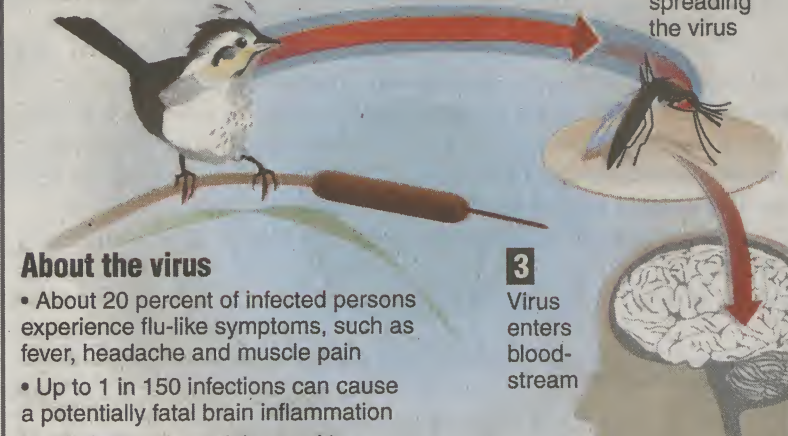
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West Nile's cycle

This virus is not spread person to person, but from being bitten by an infected mosquito. Other mammals, such as horses, can also be infected.

1 Mosquito becomes infected after biting a bird that carries the virus

2 Mosquito bites a person, spreading the virus



About the virus

- About 20 percent of infected persons experience flu-like symptoms, such as fever, headache and muscle pain
- Up to 1 in 150 infections can cause a potentially fatal brain inflammation
- Elderly people and those with compromised immune systems are most at risk
- Infections most prevalent in summer and fall when mosquitoes are active

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SPECIAL feature

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Assistant Athletic Director called to serve in the Air Force

Ani Umana
Sports Editor

This will be the second go-around for Assistant Athletic Director Chuck Smith as he has been deployed to the Middle East to serve in the operations department for the Air Force.

Smith first was deployed in 2007 and came back to serve as assistant athletic director in 2008. He feels the military has been a calling for him since he has been in high school.

Smith will be working for Red Horse; which is a rapid response civil engineer unit. The job they have him doing in the Air Force is comfortable for him because it is similar to the role he plays as assistant athletic director.

"We track personal and we also mainly track projects. What's funny is that position in the Air Force department is similar to what I do here as Assistant Athletic Director," Smith said. "Some things I learn

there (Air Force) I bring here (TJC), and some things I learned here I correlate into what I do in the Air Force.

"I enlisted 11 years ago and it is something that I feel like has been called for me to do, so I keep enlisting and re-upping," Smith said.

Coming from Texas A&M prior to his job at Tyler Junior College, Chuck views his time interning at TJC as a, "right place, right time scenario."

"In fall of 2005 I did a internship here and in spring of 06 (2006) Dr. Drain encouraged me to apply for the job and told me I would do a good job," Smith said. "I got the job in May 2006 and the rest is history."

What Smith does in his position is updating the athletic website, and making sure everything is set for each Apache team prior to playing a game

"I do a lot of website updating, some of the game day and event managing, but mainly sports information and game operation."

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"You never know what you got till it's gone,"

-Dr. Tim Drain
Athletic Director

Unemployment rate a concern for future grads

By Justin Frazier
Staff Writer

For students, College is a tool used to get students ready for future careers, but many are wondering if college is worth the time and money.

"I honestly don't think going to college affects getting a good job to start a career," said Chase Castleberry, 20, TJC business management alumni, "No matter what, we are all going to struggle finding a good job."

The problem students face is high competition for a limited number of jobs.

According to the Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics, the unemployment rate for people ages 16-24 with a bachelor's degree was at 8 percent in April of 2010, was down in 2011, but has went up in 2012.

"I guess I've never really thought about it before," said Emma Woolverton, 19, sophomore majoring in accounting, "But yeah, I could see how some students could be worried about that."

"Despite the improving job prospects, the job market remains competitive. Students should be more proactive in their job searches and flexible with short-term career goals." Said an article published in USnews.com

Felecia Neely-Morris, Coordinator of Career Services, said there are many reasons why graduates are having trouble finding jobs. "The economy would be my first answer," said Neely-Morris. "And I hate to say this, but in Tyler, I've noticed, it's gotten to be more about who

"No matter what, we are all going to struggle finding a good job,"

-Chase Castleberry
Business Management Alumni

you know."

According to The National Association of Colleges and Employers, employers plan to hire 9.5 percent more new grads in 2011-12 than they did in 2010-11. Things may finally be looking up for graduates.

In 2010, the unemployment rate for recent grads was 12.6 percent. In 2011, however, the unemployment rate was only 9.6 percent. Although it isn't the 4.8 percent that was seen in 2007, it is a start.

Felecia and the people at Career Services want to help students with preparing for their futures in careers.

"We have three different assessments that students can take," said Neely Morris. "When they are done with assessments, they usually get a print-out that shows their personalities, values, and career interests that match up to what they answered."

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column

Killing them softly with Facebook



By Taylor Griffin
Editor-in-Chief

The other night, I was scrolling through Facebook as usual when all of the sudden I saw it. I couldn't believe it. Was it true? Of course it was—everything on the Internet is real.

Morgan Freeman was dead.

This came to me as a complete shock as I hadn't seen anything on the news earlier that day or heard the people in the streets wailing and mourning the loss of the great voice. But alas, Facebook said it all. That is, until I really checked it out.

Turns out, Mr. Freeman was alive and

well, to my relief. It was all a hoax. However, in my queries, I did discover something a little more disturbing.

Apparently, there is a trend appearing now on Facebook and Twitter where idiots with a lot of followers say a famous celebrity has passed away. With a simple hash tag that says "#ripmorganfreeman" or the like, a rumor that huge can spread like wild fire.

And Morgan Freeman isn't the only celebrity to meet his untimely death by social media. In the past month, Bill Cosby, Tony Danza, Eddie Murphy, and Adam Sandler have all bitten the cyber-space dust. As soon as their reps hear of it, they rush to the scene of the crime for some major damage control.

It bewilders me why people would even start this crap. Have we really run out of things to do on the internet? It's sick to even lie about somebody's death, but when millions of people know them, you just look like a jerk.

We've already established that ce-

lebrities aren't real people—eh, hem—but it doesn't mean they don't have feelings. Granted, if I were one of them, I would take the opportunity to pull the biggest practical joke on the world and show back up in a year or so. If that doesn't make you a legend, I don't know what will.

This whole stunt just goes to show you that Facebook or Twitter can say anything, and more than likely, people will believe you. How else do you think the Kony

"Have we really run out of things to do on the internet?"

2012 fiasco blew up?

Faking your death is never funny. Unless you're Andy Kaufman, in which case the joke is still on us.

APACHE CORNER

LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD

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Response to Obamacare Good or Bad

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"IT'S CONCEPT IS TERRIFIC. IT'S METHODS OF PAYING FOR IT ARE ABSOLUTELY DESTRUCTIVE TO THE AMERICAN WAY OF LIFE."

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"I DON'T KNOW THAT MUCH ABOUT POLITICS, BUT I DON'T THINK I'M SUPPORTING OBAMA, SO I DON'T REALLY SUPPORT HIS IDEAS."

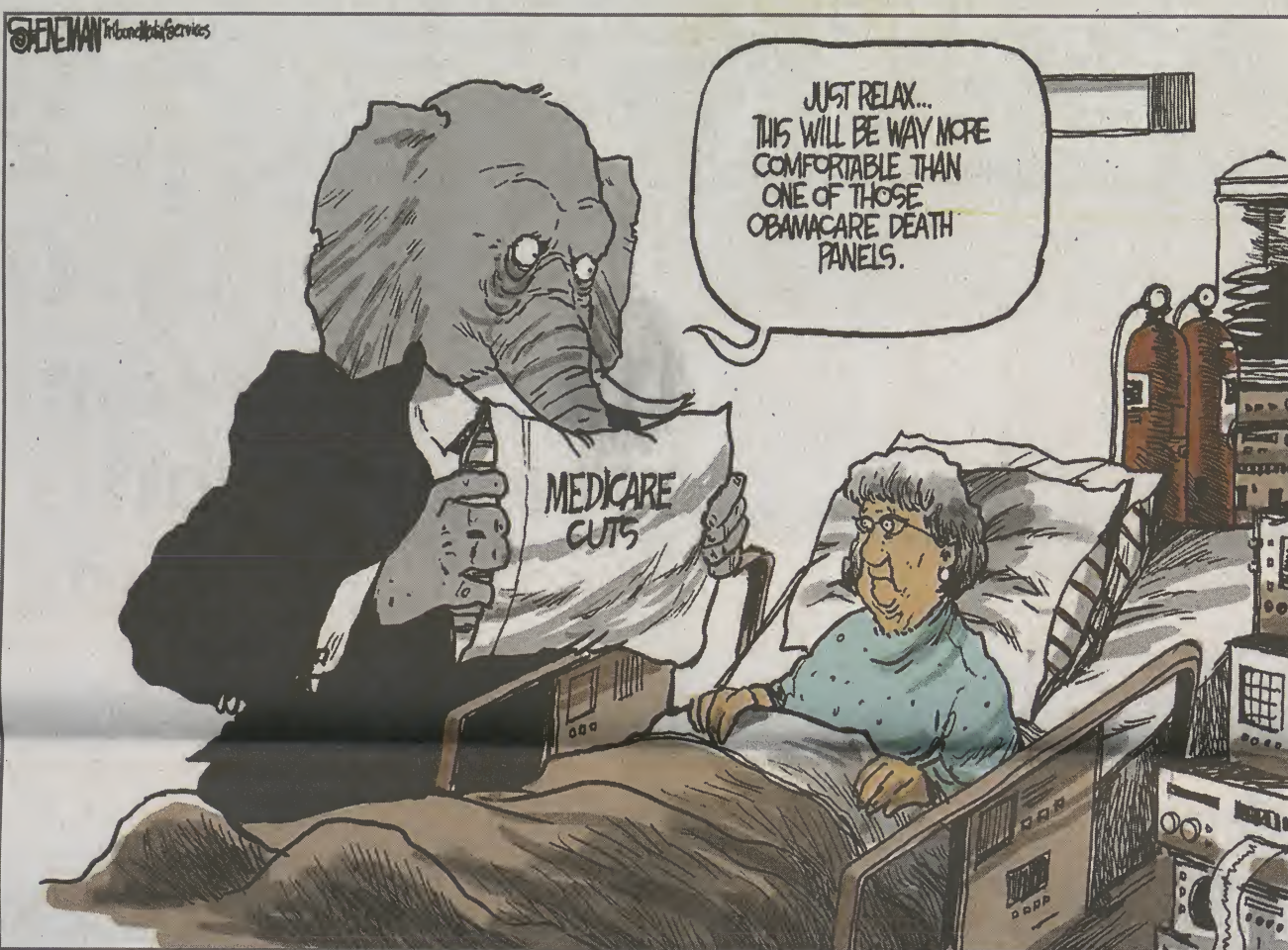
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"IT NEEDS MORE WORK PERHAPS A DIFFERENT SYSTEM."



editorial

Obamacare or Obamacare, can we afford it?

Tax Paul to pay for Peter is the motto our government has grasped recently. Complete co-dependence on a higher human authority will create an unhealthy unstable nation. Why can't we seem to understand that?

Look at North Korea, a perfect example of a ruler, Kim Jong Un, so powerful who has alienated his nation away from freedom and driven it into a communist society, leaving citizens hungry for liberty and equality. Now communists argue that for a country to work in a peaceful environment, it needs complete control of the individual from healthcare to the amount of children per household.

With recent changes in our healthcare system, it seems as if we are moving backwards instead of rising above the deep waters. Spring of 2010 President Obama passed the Affordable Care, popularly known as "Obamacare." One more step to a communist society. Looking at the patterns of our social programs passed throughout the years, it becomes more evident our lack of active citizen involvement. Change is part of a better future, but backing it up with pretty PR words and a hip logo does not complete the task.

We need a president who will hit us behind the neck and say, stop playing around with your life, work hard, and sweat the laziness out of your system. That, young folks, is one solution to our economic problem. So next time you're driving up to Wal-Mart, give the guy with a cardboard box sign a good tip. Get to work! There is no excuse, look at the 20 million immigrants who feed their family of 10 every night because they're not afraid to use their hands.

Let's talk cost because we all know money doesn't grow on trees. There are only two ways government receives funding for social programs. One way is raising taxes. In this

case those who make above the \$250,000 mark will be taxed at a higher rate. So it's OK to steal from the rich to give to the poor? Second is printing more paper money, which will lower the value of the dollar, causing prices to rise on consumer goods.

No one can look forward to a successful job with high pay because once they get there they are in the upper tax rate. Every circumstance is different. There are those who are unable to work because of health or mental conditions, but what about the 25-year-old who sits on mama's couch all day?

COMMENT

GREETINGS TO ALL

Sept. 14, 2012

"Hello everyone, the TJC student newspaper is back for yet another promising and amazing semester. We have undergone a few new changes and gained a great new staff. As always, we are devoted to you, our readers and we would like to know what you think, so do comment on our articles online at tjcnnews.com. Without you our readers, we couldn't do our job, so stay connected with all things TJC by reading our newspaper every two weeks on Friday. Regardless if this is your first time to attend classes or you've been going here longer than you can remember, *The Apache Pow Wow* is committed to keeping you in the know."

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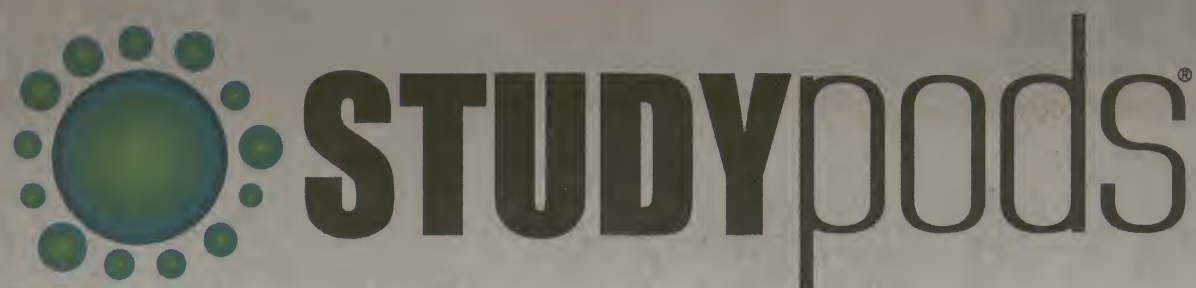
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A person is more susceptible to getting this virus if they have diabetes or any other bad health condition. This is why students at TJC should take precautions.

"The city of Tyler has money to provide chemical treatment to deter mosquitoes, a biological larvicide that keeps baby mosquitoes from growing into adults," said Elrod.

"It lasts for 180 days in wet stagnate areas, a mineral oil base product that sticks to the top of standing water to suffocate mosquito larvae and an aerial application of an adulticide chemical that only has two hour kill time and targets most adult mosquitoes."

At TJC crews have drained the memorial fountain and put chlorine in other fountains so the larvae cannot live in them.

That is not the only precaution that a student can take. The city of Tyler is trying to keep the mosquito population down but students can also help by just turning over objects that are collecting water.

"We always check for standing water and broken sprinklers year round," said Bill King, Executive Director for Facilities and Construction at TJC.

When turning over those objects students and faculty are keeping a female from laying her eggs in the water and the larvae from growing into adult mosquitoes.

But protecting against West Nile doesn't stop there. Lindy Dolan, P.A. at Cardiovascular Consultants and mother of three said, "I have been using precautions including using repellent."

That's why Brenda Elrod tells students to focus on the four "D's".

- Dawn and dusk is when mosquitoes are most active so avoid being outside during those times.

- Deet, apply a mosquito repellent that contains deet to repel the mosquitoes.

- Drain any standing water around a house, apartment, or dorm.

- Dress in light colored clothing with long sleeves to protect the skin.

Some students at TJC don't think it really is a risk.

"I'm not really worried about West Nile because I am young and healthy. I don't plan on taking any of the precautions for myself, but I do plan on dumping the water around my house," Joseph Haddad, TJC Freshmen said.

Though young students aren't at risk to catch West Nile Virus, it is best to at least try to prevent it. Elrod also said that TJC might be on the checklist to make sure that mosquitoes and the potential West Nile Virus are kept at bay.

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Career Services also offers free services such as individual career counseling, resume and cover letter assistance, interview preparation, and dress for success tips.

Career Services is located on the second floor of the Rogers Student Center in the Center for Student Life and Involvement Office. Their hours are 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and can be reached at (903) 510-2490.

DUTY

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The workload varies each week but even on slow days, those are days in which it is important for him to move ahead a little bit.

"It varies each day/week. If there is a big volleyball tournament coming up, I have to make sure the roster is correct and printed, and make sure it is posted online and sent to the media," Smith said. "I have to make sure the lockerrooms are clean, the training rooms are set and ready to go."

The staff has high expectations when visiting team arrives and replicate their performance to big universities when it comes to fan and player experience.

"We try to model after big schools such as Division 1 (universities). We want the visiting population, not just the players, but fans to have best experience they can get."

Athletic Director Dr. Tim Drain values Smith's role and labeled him as the unsung hero for his job, because his contributions can go unnoticed.

"You never know what you got till it's gone," Dr. Drain said. "Chuck would do a lot of the managing and he will definitely be missed here. Replacing him right now is kind of tough but as a staff we will be OK."

Football Head Coach Danny Palmer also feels the effect of not having Smith around and is appreciative of what he does for TJC and for his role in the military.

"We already miss him. The players know what he did for us and the underlining, not very recognizable role he played," Palmer said.

When the football players go out on the field prior to kick off, they carry American flags not just in dedication to Smith, but to every soldier employed like that is fighting for our freedom.

"I have our players carry the flag running to the field and hold them during the national anthem to make them understand the importance of what the soldiers in the whole military do for us," Palmer said

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WELCOME WEEK Students enjoyed entertainment and food while taking advantage of the opportunity to sign up for TJC clubs and organizations.

Find your niche

Choose from a wide variety of activities

By Hannah Johnson
Staff Writer

First day of school jitters don't stop at the college experience. Stepping onto college campus for the first time is one of the frightening moves a student will ever make.

"College is scary. It's a whole new experience. You're most likely away from all of your friends, and it's the first time you've really been out on your own," said Lauren Tyler, coordinator of Student Life.

Many freshmen coming into Tyler Junior College are unfamiliar with the college scene and feel a little lost when they first arrive, however they are not alone.

"It was really scary when I came here. I didn't know anyone," Terrance Franklin, a sophomore Apache Chief, said.

Many freshmen share the same feelings as Franklin when they first come to the school. Luckily, TJC has a student organization office that can help students find their niche.

There are around 60 organizations on TJC's campus. There is a group for everyone, no matter what a student's interests are. Some of these groups are, the Apache Activity Counsel, the Black Student Association, the Baptist Student Ministries, the Anime club, the Student Senate, and there is even a paintball group. All of these

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DECISION

2012

Registration deadline fast approaching

By Carol Scott
Student Life Editor

The race is on as Obama and Romney go head to head. Who will win? Every registered voter at Tyler Junior College holds the reigns.

For those not yet registered, the Student Senate of TJC will run a voter registration drive in late September or early October. They will set up at the information desk in Rogers Student Center.

The last voter-registration campaign held by the Student Senate resulted in close to 400 students registering.

"It was important for TJC students to register in Smith County because of the bond election (for TJC) and the sheriff's race," Lauren Tyler, coordinator of Student Life, said.

The bond passed and TJC has begun the process of preparing to build the new nursing and health sciences building facilities.

"Now it's important to get them to vote in the national election," Tyler said.

Anyone age 17 years and 10 months by the registration deadline is eligible to register to vote. The only items needed for registration are a driver's license number or the last four digits of the registrant's Social Security number.

Registration must take place at least 30 days prior to the general election, which will be held Nov. 6. Students wanting to register in Smith County using their dorm address can also go to the fifth floor of the Smith County Courthouse Annex or print a registration form from the website at www.smith-county.com and then mail it in. It must be postmarked by Oct. 9.

If TJC students are already registered in their home county and want to vote there, they can contact their hometown elections' office to get an early ballot. Early voting runs Oct. 22 through Nov. 2. This allows voters to vote on their own time schedule rather than trying to make it to the polls before they close on Election Day.

Students who decide to move their registration to their college address would be able to vote on local issues in Tyler. One such issue is the City of Tyler Local Option election to sell beer and wine for off-premise consumption and then also be able to purchase alcohol in restaurants. While registered in Smith County, they could not, however, go back home and vote in the local issues there.

The Smith County Election Administration has a stack of about 2,000 registrations to process and the number is growing daily.



Photo by Carol Scott

LESSIE PORTER of Tyler came in to the Election Administration at the Smith County Courthouse Annex to change her address for voting.

Our goal is to have them entered by mid-September," Karen Nelson, elections administrator, said.

Five to 10 people come into their office to register or change their address every day and workers are training to be eligible to register voters at other locations. They would then be qualified to register voters at other locations and submit groups of registrations to the Smith County Election Administration.

Sophomore Ashley Sustaire, human resources major, will probably vote in the presidential election depending on how the voting goes when the returns start coming in. It also depends on if she can fit voting into her work and class schedule.

"I haven't considered voting early 'cause I'm still not sure where I'm going with it," Sustaire said. "There are certain things I agree and disagree on about each one (of the presidential candidates)."

REGISTRATION OPTIONS

Go to:

Smith County Courthouse Annex
200 E. Ferguson

Fifth Floor

Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Or go to:

www.smith-county.com

Click on:

Departments, Elections, and

How to Register to Vote

Print Form and mail it to above address.

Source: Nelson

Health care plan encourages a healthy debate

By Belen Casillas
Managing Editor

The burning question of how can the U.S. government provide equal opportunity for each citizen at a low cost yet maintain high quality in health care, for some, was settled with the Affordable Care Act, on March 2010 signed by President Barack Obama. But even now, more questions have come up challenging the act, which is famously known as the "Obamacare." Making it a hot topic for candidates in the upcoming elections.

"It has its good parts and bad parts," said Holly Benge, professor and department chair of Vocational Nursing Education at Tyler Junior College.

One of the goals was to provide health coverage for young adults up to the age of 26 through their parents' insurance plan. This would benefit an estimated 3.1 million young Americans, according to whitehouse.gov.

The act indicates its purpose is to provide equal health opportunities for all, but during the years of college the last thing on a student's mind can be health insurance. Until, that is, he/she is faced with a life-threatening health condition and some sort of health coverage is needed.

"There's going to come a point in somebody's life where they need health care of some kind... so the quality of the health care is important. The affordability of the health care is important. Doctors' willingness to help people is important. All of these things are important," said Joseph Yazdanpanahi, sophomore majoring in Economics and a president of the Libertarian Party at TJC.

To better understand the idea of how social health care was born, Michael Mast, TJC government professor explained the act to be "...a continuation of Medicaid and Medicare," Mast said, "It further expands health care for the individual, this is not new. Franklin Roosevelt initiated many of the programs we see today like Social Security and others."



Photo by Belen Casillas

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TRiO program offers insurance for successful living

By Brent Pryor
Staff Writer

TRiO is not just a book loan program.

Many Tyler Junior College students may not have heard of the TRiO program. Some may think it's just a book-loan program, but it's much more than that.

"It's a success program funded by a grant from the federal government to help students be successful here at TJC and then go on and

be successful at a four year college," Linda Reeves, a TRiO staff technician, said.

TRiO is located on the third floor of the Rogers Student Center, and has a lot of the necessities it takes to further students' education.

"Our students get double time with the tutors, we have a computer lab with eight computers hooked up to a lab printer," Reeves said. "Our students can still print free. We're probably one of the only if not the

only place on campus that can still print free as long it's necessary and for school.

TRiO accepts 200 students per year who plan to attend a four-year university and are on a four-year degree plan.

TRiO used to do book loans for their students, but due to budget cuts and debt reduction by the government they no longer purchase new books for loans. TRiO still offers an opportunity for their students to access books.

"We have a textbook library that our students can use here in the department; they just can't take them out," Reeves said.

TRiO requires that their students attend two workshops per semester.

"Study skill workshops, financial literacy workshops, with these additional services to help students be successful here, not only at TJC but at the four year level as well,"

TRiO DEPARTMENT

Hours

8 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Monday - Thursday

8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Friday

Source: TJC

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campusSCENE



Keeping The Beat

PUT ON A SHOW: The Apache band and drum line performed at halftime of the TJC football game against Kilgore on Sept. 8, 2012 at Trinity Mother Frances Stadium.

Photo by Belen Casillas

OMG!! Slang's being added to the Oxford Dictionary

By Carol Scott
Student Life Editor

Mwahahaha! The dictionary is changing.

The Oxford Dictionary online has added widely used slang including "mwahahaha" and "ridic" and taken out words that are no longer in use such as brabble, which appears to be an officially dead word. According to Webster's 1828 dictionary, brabble meant "A broil; a clamorous contest; a wrangle."

"I want us to not lose our English language to slang," Jeanne Ivy, psychology professor at Tyler Junior College, said. "Slang is fine in its proper context, but I don't want a student to send me an essay in slang."

Our dictionary should grow with our words. People need to understand what the words mean when someone is talking or writing or texting to them. The concern seems to be that the lines of when to use slang and when to use proper vocabulary need to be drawn.

"Personally, I am not crazy about the fact that peo-

ple aren't learning vocabulary like they used to," said Ivy. "They don't learn proper vocabulary because they spend so much time in slang."

TJC sophomore communications/public relations major, Mackenzie Aylor doesn't really use slang except for LOL, meaning laugh out loud, and BRB, which means be right back, but she understands the need to add widely used slang words to the dictionary especially for the older generation that isn't as savvy.

"If it's going to be incorporated in your language, I don't think it's a bad idea to put it (slang) in there," Aylor said.

"It (slang) becomes a code at least across generational lines," Sarah Harrison, English professor and department chair, said. "It's probably a good idea because, if we hear things, we can look them up. But it should at least be labeled as slang."

As for the removal of unused words, Aylor said, "Maybe the dictionary isn't the right place for those words anymore."

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The act also mandates each citizen to have insurance and for insurance companies to accept members with pre-existing conditions, making this aspect of the act a concern about whether or not forcing each individual to have health insurance is constitutional.

Many have taken sides, but what is clear and defined by the law is after 2014, all Americans must have insurance coverage or pay a fine.

"It's forcing something upon the citizens within the states that they have to pay for it whether they want it or not, and that's unconstitutional," said Jerome Dillards, a sophomore majoring in Nursing and Health Sciences.

The Affordable Care Act has been funded by cutting into Medicare's and Medicaid's budgets, which brings many concerns about the future of these programs. One of the risks of lowering funds is the affect on the quality of services provided by hospitals, health centers and other organizations. Being unable to provide the best for citizens because of a coming shortage and poor distribution is a real concern.

"The physicians are not doing as much," Bengé said. "Everybody is not doing as much, because they're not going to get paid as much. It's all about the bottom-line dollars and cents."

The results are still unclear of who will benefit from this act and exactly how much health coverage it really will provide for its citizens.

"Is there an answer better than regular insurance? There may be but why can't we work and get our own insurance like we always have," Bengé said.

For information on the policies of the Affordable Care Act visit whitehouse.gov.

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Cinderella Waltz offers new twist on old story

By Glenda Alvarado
Staff Writer

INFO BOX A

WHAT: CINDERELLA
WALTZ

WHEN: OCT. 4-6
AND 11-16

WHERE: WISE
AUDITORIUM

As the students settle down and prepare themselves for the fall semester, the theatre department begins to arrange for "Cinderella Waltz," the first play of the fall.

"Cinderella Waltz" was published by Don Nigro. The title may sound familiar but with the only difference that it is not the same fairy tale many grew up knowing about. The traditional fairy tale is about a girl who is mistreated by her stepmother and stepsisters.

In just one magical night, She is transformed into an enchanting princess with a beautiful gown provided by her fairy godmother. Then she meets a prince and he falls head over heels for her. The clock strikes midnight and she leaves him bewildered only abandoning her solely, glass slipper.

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PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT: J.C. Schmidt gets into character during the first official rehearsal of the Cinderella Waltz

Photo by Mandy Drager



ART STUDENTS STUDY ABROAD: During the summer, Tyler Junior College Art Department took a trip to Florence, Italy from July 5 to Aug. 5. A small group embarked on their first ever art department trip.

Courtesy Photo

TJC students go to Italy for class

By Abbey Kimbler
staff writer

During the summer, Tyler Junior College Art Department took a trip to Florence, Italy from July 5 to Aug. 5. A small group embarked on their first ever department trip.

The group consisted of nine students total, half being art majors and the rest being in different fields of study. The group attended daily classes

at Italy's International School of Art, Santa Reparata, where other major university groups from the United States joined them.

"They would meet in classes for six hours for credit. They would also get studio days, regroup, rest, then meet up, and go to a site," Chris Stewart, art department chairman, said. "The site in the city of Florence has an amazing collection of art. The churches, and Uffizi museum were

both amazing."

In addition to taking classes, they did some traveling with their group but they also got to travel by themselves

"My favorite city I visited was Lucca because it was real quiet and there wasn't any tourism," art major Amanda Hatfield said.

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Belles work to keep their traditions alive

By Delaney Bentley
Staff Writer

Dedication, leadership ability and, of course, dance skills are all qualities the Apache Belles require for each member to have on their team and this year is no different. Even though they only get the privilege of being a Belle for two years, the pride and honor is something that will last them a lifetime.

"Being an Apache Belle is so much bigger than the short two years of your life that you spend training and preforming. It's a part of being a legacy," said Jasilyn Schaefer, Apache Belles director, "Linking yourself to the years before you and forever linking yourself to those that come after you."

The Apache Belles are no secret to Tyler Junior College. The internationally famous dance team will be celebrating its 65th year as one of TJC's legendary traditions. The Belles will continue traditions of their own this year including preforming at home football games, and dancing and entertaining during Tyler's Texas Rose Festival Coronation on Oct. 19, 2012.

Outside of dance, the girls are held to a very high standard as representatives of their school.

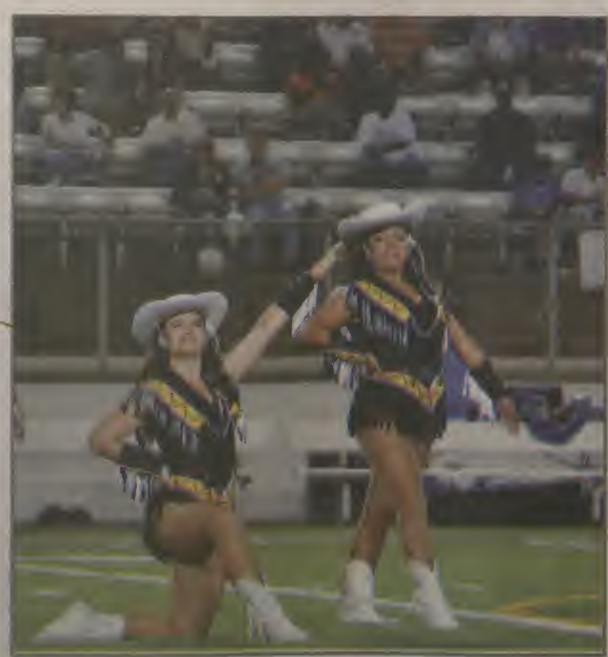
"We want to represent our school in respectful, educated, and a high standard kind of way. We are like ambassadors to TJC," said returning Belle Rebecca Barnell.

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Photos by Belen Casillas

SATURDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL: the Belles cheer on the home side at Trinity Mother Frances Rose Stadium on Sept. 8, 2012.



MOVIE REVIEW

The Possession: Should be reposessed



By Taylor Griffin
Editor in Chief

Is it just me, or am I getting the vibe that Hollywood really has run out of ideas? Seriously, this time they have.

Just another one to add to your stack of exorcism movies, "The Possession," rated PG-13 and starring Jeffrey Dean Morgan and Kyra Sedgwick, takes its "own" spin on a perfectly ruined sub-genre.

There's no big need for me to explain the movie because it's so formulated. Basically, a father buys his daughter an old wooden box at a yard sale, she opens it, and all hell breaks loose. She's possessed, she's exorcised, yada yada. Unfortunately nowadays, you can't expect much from PG-13 scare flicks.

The very first thing that pops up before the movie starts is, "This is based on a true story." I immediately laughed—aren't they all? Of course I believe demons are real, and I think that factor is what draws the crowds to these movies—the fact that



it's not just a spook house flick. It's easier to believe things that we know are real and therefore easier to be scared by them. To a certain extent, I can also believe that there are out of the ordinary demonic possessions where stuff like this can happen. BUT, I have a hard time thinking every movie spewed out is fact.

The biggest beef I had with this movie was its lack of thrill factor. Sure, you had the noises of backs breaking, overly suspenseful music, and blood-curdling screams. But I didn't even flinch—not once. I just wasn't scared. Even the really bad horror flicks recently like the embarrassment "Chernobyl Diaries" made me jump out of my skin a couple times.

However, this flick wasn't all bad. There was an aspect to it that I found redeemable. Morgan's character wasn't the stereotypical father in a horror flick that believes there just has to be a logical explanation for everything, even when his daughter is running around on the ceiling. His character immediately acknowledges that evil is just, well, evil and does everything he can to get his baby back, and for that, I can appreciate it.

In the end, I give it two out of five chips. While I'm sick to death of these overly-played demon possession movies, it showed some heart and a little more human emotion than the rest, and for that, I can certainly give it some credit. I know it's not the last we'll see of this sub-genre, but at least we can be glad the "Paranormal Activity" franchise is over. Oh, wait...

BELLES

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There are even higher expectations for the returning Sophomore Belles.

"We say in Apache Belles that your freshman year is your learning year and sophomore year is your leading year," said Schaefer.

The sophomores hold themselves accountable to being leaders to the freshmen as well as holding high standards for their own reputation.

"We definitely set the example for the freshmen and kind of teach them the way a Belle is supposed to act and how they are supposed to be on and off the field," said Sophomore Belle Michaela DiFonzo.

The Belles keep themselves busy all year round. During the fall semester they will preform at the home football games and some away games. Later in the semester they will host their Belle Babes workshop on Sept. 15. In October, they will lead the Rose Festival Parade with the Apache Band, which has been a tradition since the 1960s and 70s. Mid spring semester the Belles will have the opportunity to preform at two military bases in Japan for U.S stationed troops and visit Tyler's Sister City Yachiy. The officer Belles will get to perform with the Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders on a cruise ship hosted by Spirit Celebration. To see more Apache Belle events and dates visit their website ApacheBelles.com.

"It is exciting to have the privilege of taking the name and honor of the Tyler Junior College and the Apache Nation all over the state, nation and the world," said Schaefer.

Outside of the busy dancing schedule, the Belles are fulltime students and have to maintain a high GPA both semesters. It can be hard to balance the two, but the team's hard work pays off.

"Yes, it's very difficult. But you just have to be very dedicated to be on the team. Once you're on the team, you really have to devote all your time for the next two years, which I am ok with.



Photo by Belen Casillas

SLEEK, STRONG, SPIRITED With applause and cheering filling the air, the Apache Belles strut off the field after their halftime performance. Michelle Munday and Devynn Ryan (left to right) are all smile as they exit the field with poise after their first official performance as an Apache Belle.

Being an Apache Belle opens up many opportunities to travel, make long lasting friends, and be a part of an internationally famous dance team. Many Alumni Belles remember their years at TJC and are honored and proud to call themselves former Belles.

"A year or two ago, I saw them [Apache Belles] on TV and it just made me feel excited, you know? It made me remember the years I was there and makes me feel proud that I was a part of it. It's just some of my greatest memories," Debbie Kader, former Apache Belle ('72-'74), said.

The standard that the Belles and their directors hold has consistency through the decades.

"We had three-a-days and it was hard work trying out. Our choreographer Al [Gilliam] would cut you down if you weren't doing right. So you needed to have the physical part of it but you also had to have the courage to take disappointment when the director or choreographer corrected you. It was only because they wanted you to get better," said Kader.

Kader went on to work for the state of Texas and later returned to Tyler and worked for Al Gilliam, who was the former choreographer for the Belles and also a director in the TJC Theatre department.

"This year the Apache Belles will celebrate their 65th anniversary and will continue the legacy of excellence displayed by the preceding years," Shaefer said.

To see more Apache Belle events and dates visit their website ApacheBelles.com.

CINDERELLA

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His one goal is to find her by making every girl in town try on the heel until he finds the perfect fit. He finally finds Cinderella and they live happily ever after.

Nigro's version is similar, yet very different. His main goal is to break down the common archetype morals that audiences receive from a fairy tale.

"It isn't your typical fairytale. You learn that sometimes your fantasies are not what you expect and maybe everything you have been seeking has been in front of you all along," Becky Faulds, director, said.

The open auditions were held Aug. 29 in the Jean Brown Theatre in the Wise Cultural Arts building at 6 p.m.

"The theme for the play shall be Tim Burton meets surrealism. The set, the props, and all the costumes will all be greatly exaggerated. We want to keep it on the edgy side by all means," Faulds said.

The cast has been chosen and they are anticipating the grand day.

"This is going to be my first play performed in Tyler Junior College and I'm excited," Hanro Janse Van Rensburg, TJC freshman, said.

He will be playing Prince Alfred who is egocentric and glamorous.

"I will be playing the troll in the play, I am the prince's servant. I like it because I can be ec-

centric," Joseph Schmidt, TJC sophomore, said.

Out of the handful that auditioned unfortunately only a few will get to be part of the exciting experience.

"I'm content with my role I wanted to be the step-mother/evil queen. It gives me the opportunity to show my comedian side," Ashley McClelland, sophomore, said.

Ticket sales will begin a week prior from the opening date. The box office is located in the Wise Cultural Arts Building. It opens weekdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The opening dates will be Oct. 4 - 6 and 11 - 16 and all-evening shows will be Friday through Sunday. All shows will begin at 7:30 p.m. With first Sunday to include a matinee for anyone who wants to catch an early show.

For more information call (903) 510-2212.

Photo by Hannah Johnson

ALL WORK AND ALL PLAY Ashley McClelland, (background), exaggerates her anger as the "evil step mother" figure. "My character makes this woman (Rosey Snow) work because she cannot stand her," McClelland said. All the while, Trevor Commons, J.C. Schmidt, and Rachel Creason (left to right) joke with each other and wait for their next scene.



Photo by Somebody Else

AN ADVENTURE six of the student pose for the camera as they observe historical art buildings during their trip to Italy

ITALY

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"The site in the city of Florence has an amazing collection of art."

-Chris Stewart
art department chairman

The students received their own apartments, where they had essentially live like an Italian for a month.

For Hatfield, a normal day on the trip consisted of three events.

"Waking up, getting ready really fast, and walking to school," Hatfield said. "It was hot with lots of walking around. There was no air conditioning in our apartments," art major Courtney Parker said.

"It was amazing to be able to live there and see all the art in real life. I have much more appreciation for the art and art history after being in Italy."

The week before they left Italy, the group had an orientation.

"I wasn't prepared to see as much as I did, it was overwhelming," Stewart said. "It was a challenge for everyone who went; the students performed tremendously."

Their final project was to pick a historical site within the city, act as a tour guide and guide the others throughout that particular site and explain to them the history of it. The art department is looking forward to making it a tradition.



Soccer teams look to bring in another title

SOCCER

By Ani Umana
Sports editor

With five national titles combined since 2009, both the men and women soccer teams look to add another trophy to the case this season.

Although the men's team came up short last season finishing third in the national tournament, Head Coach Steve Clements would love to have won it all again but sees positives from the previous season.

"Winning is not the easiest thing to do and there are 169 teams that would of traded places with us," Clements said. "It was still a successful season, and we had guys move on to four-year universities with most on scholarship."

No one stands out for the boys in way in play style, or fashion on the field. It is one family in their eyes and go by a 'blue collar' work approach.

"Were one as a team and no one stands out with different color cleats, hair style, or other stuff. We get on whoever we feel isn't putting in the work and we push each other each day to get bet-

ter," sophomore defender Wayne Hall said. "If someone doesn't make a tackle, the whole team doesn't make a tackle and if someone does make a tackle, we all do. That is that blue collar work."

Not touching a soccer ball in practice and running multiple suicides and laps can sometimes be overwhelming for a player.

The sweat dripping from their faces and onto their shirts in 90 degree heat, not many smiles were shown in practice. However, despite the pains of running, each player tried to encourage themselves and each other to keep pushing mentally when physically they want to give up.

"This is a year where we have a lot of sophomores, they encourage and sophomore leadership is something you can't teach," Clements said. "The rest jump in and follow them and it becomes a team effort."

The girls have a new look with 18 freshmen on the team, and in order for them to have a chance to three-peat as national champions, the team in practice has to improve the work rate. It takes time for the freshman to come up to speed with the sophomores.

"We have to work harder than the other teams and that was what differentiated us from everybody else the past three seasons," Head Coach Corey Rose said. "The way we train prepares us for big games and the way we train has gotten us through in those big games."

In practices, Coach Rose stresses repetition in order for his players to do moves and decisions on the field come naturally.

"We have high expectations and the girls have to be held to that. When the girls get comfortable they do not get better," Rose said "We as a staff have to continuously stress things to them because it is not acceptable to be satisfied."

Sophomore forward Carina Dunahoo also mentions that includes with hard work, executing their play style is also very important to gain a win.

"When we get the ball we don't kick and go or give it to our forwards to do something," Donahue said. "We pass it around and control the tempo of the game because we want to limit the possessions the other team gets and that has been successful for us."



Photos by Ani Umana

NOT EASY Men's soccer team show their exhaustion after a tough conditioning practice



Gridiron Gives Back



Photos by Ani Umana
DOWN, SET.... Defensive lineman Wawa Laota (33) and full back Corey Fletcher (36) prepare to launch to the quarterback during game vs. Kilgore

Football team wins service award

FOOTBALL

By Ani Umana
Sports editor

It may not be the conference championship the team is coveting, but

The community award is a significant award for the Apache football players and staff.

The plaque is given to an East Texas high school, junior college, or university that the sports Tyler Chamber of Commerce Committee feels demonstrates the most exemplary community service work.

"We helped raise a lot of money, for example we were in the St. Vincent De Paul garage sale and our players helped move furniture," head coach Danny Palmer said. "We allowed five mentored kids to come into our summer football camp

for free and our players also raised money to help 25 boys from a camp come to our football camp for free too."

What makes Palmer proud the most is not to see his players do service work in the community, but that their intentions are good and selfless.

"It's the next best thing to a conference championship but not quite," Palmer said. "Some people view it as highly because we have championship kids."

Football Head Coach Danny Palmer wants the players to be looked at in a good light in the community, and the players abide by it and accepted the role to be role models.

"We want people around here to look at us and say: Hey those are some good guys," sophomore defensive back Charleston Higginbotham said. "It keeps us in a good mindset and makes us better men."

"We had groups of players go out to different places; like some players went to schools and read to them," sophomore Rodney Hall said "We put a lot of hard work into it, and it feels good to see the hard work achieved this award."

Going out helping others has brought the team closer on the field as the time off football pads has gotten players to know each other better.

"I really think it helps us as men. When we are on the field we feel we are mature enough to stay discipline and execute on the field," Higginbotham said.

"Going out doing things together helps us grow as teammates, because on the field there's not that much talking and joking around, but when we were out we have fun and can relax," Hall said.

Volleyball team reach #1 in junior college rankings

VOLLEYBALL

By Acsah Talley
Staff Writer

Off too a hot start and several games above .500, the Lady Apache Volleyball team finds the small things to equal a big outcome.

For the first time in history the team was ranked number one in the September 5 National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) poll rankings.

With notable wins against conference rivals Blinn Junior College and Paris Junior College, the ladies find communication as a key success so far.

"Communication does not have to be talking, but also can be body language," Head Coach Ronda Shirley said.

The players feel without communication, they would not have taken on Blinn or Paris Junior College with a win.

"Playing against a team that won last year, and beating them was a good feeling," sophomore middle blocker Ivana Bulajic said.

The wins were good, but will have to face both teams on the road in the middle of conference play and the ladies know the second game won't be as easy. Still, Shirley is confident her team will get the job done and feels the only ones that can beat them is themselves.

"Playing against a team that won last year, and beating them was a good feeling."

-Ivana Bulajic
Sophomore middle blocker, volleyball

"I want them to play their best, but not beat there self's," Shirley said

The sophomores show the freshman what it takes in practice and what to bring to the table to be the best that they can be.

One thing Coach Shirley says the right things to keep her players focus at the task at hand especially prior to games with her pep talks.

Outside hitter Freshman Jordan McArdle says her pep talks help us throughout the game as it keeps them motivated even if they are winning or losing.

"I am really glad that the girls really enjoy my pep talks. Said Coach Shirley

Number one is where they want to be but the season is young and there is more volleyball to be played.

Volleyball

Sept. 7-8, Woodlands Wave Tournament

Sept 12, vs. Trinity Valley CC

Sept. 14-15, San Jacinto College Tournament

Sept 19, 6 p.m. @ Navarro College

Sept. 24-25 Dana Hatch Invite

Mens Soccer

Sept. 15 7 p.m. vs. Western Texas College

Sept. 27 7 p.m. vs. Mountain View College

Sept. 29 2 p.m. @ Northeast Texas Community College

Sports CALENDAR

UPCOMING TJC ATHLETICS: SEPTEMBER 2012

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Football

Sept. 15 7 p.m. vs. Southeast Prep

Sept 22 7 p.m. @ Blinn College

Sept 27 7 p.m. vs. Northeastern Oklahoma A&M

Women's Soccer

Sept. 15 5 p.m. vs. Western Texas College

Sept. 18 4 p.m. @ Navarro College

Sept. 21 7 p.m. @ Johnson County Community College

Sept. 25 6 p.m. vs. Cisco Junior College

campus **SCENE**

Not for the weak hearted

TJC Football team played in another thriller against Kilgore College



Photos by Belen Casillas

STOP RIGHT THERE: Above: defensive back Kenny Lloka (Right) tackles Kilgore wide receiver Joe Herick (Left) during a key defensive drive in the fourth quarter. (Below) Defensive lineman await the hike during a third down passing play against Kilgore College.



Connell returns to TJC as head coach

TENNIS

By Desmond Brooks
Staff writer

Throughout history it has been proven that following a legend can be a difficult feat to accomplish. For TJC Tennis Coach Dash Connell this is the very journey he is about to embark on.

Former Head Coach John Peterson upheld a storied tradition of excellence, with 24 long years of running a perennial powerhouse tennis program, bringing in 25 national championships. The extreme amount of pressure to live up to the many accomplishments of Coach Peterson would be enough to scare off possible replacements. However, for Connell there is no pressure. He and coach Peterson have crossed paths before.

Connell actually played for Coach Peterson in college and formed a bond with him over many years.

"I think he always will be like a mentor for me," he said.

This relationship and his near lifetime of experience are just two of the reasons he is a great choice for the position.

Connell has been around the sport of tennis all of his life. That would lead one to think that his nickname "Dash" was given to describe his blaring fast speed on the court, however, it was actually given to him as a child by his grandmother because of the "dash" in his name.

His first exposure to the game of tennis came while watching his father coach at a country club at the age of 4. As such a young kid, it was less about trying to outscore an opponent and more about having fun hitting the ball as hard as he could.

While Connell stayed involved in the sport for the next few stages of his life, it wasn't until around the age of 14 that he decided that he really enjoyed the game and wanted to take it seriously. His freshman year of high school is when he began to practice rigorously; he described it as taking a leap of faith into the game of tennis.

All of his hard work would not go to waste as he soon began to climb the ranks at his high school, Katy Taylor. Connell would get a taste of success early in his career as a member of two state championship teams, as well as winning the state 5A doubles championship. He also began to rack up individual milestones by receiving the Clarence Mabry award as well as the Art Faust Sportsmanship award.

High school would not be the pinnacle of Connell's success, his college career was about to take off. Where better to start his college tennis career than TJC? Connell came and played under Coach Peterson for two years. His time as an Apache was spent collecting even more accolades such as back-to-back team championships in 2002 and 2003. He was also named as an All American after finishing No. 1 in the nation in the doubles circuit. It was later that year that Coach Peterson nominated Connell for the Arthur Ashe Sportsman-ship award, which he would win.

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Apache Pow-Wow Spotlight Athletes

#16 Lindsey Jones, #9
Adrienn Amaro

In an impressive 3-1 set win vs. Paris Junior College on Sept. 5, Lindsey Jones helped lead the way for the Apache Ladies Volleyball team with 11 Kills, 16 digs, and 2 aces.

Setter Adrienn Amaro was sharing the love with 43 assist and 12 digs

#15 Jeremy Chappelle #5
Leroy Dobbins

A close game against rival Kilgore Junior College ended in a lose, but wide receiver Jeremy Chappelle was a bright spot on the Apache offense with 10 catches for 158 yards.

Running back Leroy Dobbins added twelve points with two rushing touchdowns on 41 yards rushing

COLUMN

Keeping it Smoove With Aní Suavé That Mirror

By Ani Umana
Sports Editor

Mirror, Mirror on the wall, tell me how swole I look when I flex this far.

A weight room is a room containing weight equipment for weight training. This includes dumbbells, a bench press, leg press, squat machine, etc. One lost weight exercise that I have recently discovered however is the mirrorcise

It is a very simple exercise that has a person flexing mainly four body muscles into their reflection: The abdominal (abflex), biceps (mirrorceps), triceps (reflectceps) and legs. (quadceps)

I have been to many weight rooms in Tyler from Woodcreek, Rose Heights, Premier Fitness, XTC, 24 Hour Fitness, and the very local HPE Center in TJC. Sadly, no matter where I went, the mirrorcise was being performed. It does not matter the size of the person either. I have seen guys that have biceps bigger than my head do multiple sets of reflectceps. I have also seen small guys that have just started lifting do a phenomenal ten sets of abflex Now I must admit that I have done this exercise and may have done a couple of sets of mirrorceps, but unlike bicep curls, or tricep pull downs that deal with actual weights, this workout helps you gain no muscle. Trust me I tried.

Gaining muscle is just like a skill. In order to run faster, the person has to run. In order shoot a basketball better, a person has to practice shooting more. In order to dribble the soccer ball with more control, the person has to dribble more. So in order for someone to gain more muscle, they have to flex in the mirror? No no no, the person has to lift.

But what is the thing with that mirror. I heard a myth the weight room mirrors have powers to lure you to flex at it. It's possible, but highly unlikely that an inanimate object has super powers. Are people that obsess with themselves? Depending on the person yes, but does not include everybody. Maybe it is a disease. One that doesn't make you cough or sneeze, or have a sore throat. One that controls your muscles everytime you are close to a mirror.

I have done my extensive research but have came up with no exact answer. Theories but yet no answer. So to all weightlifters everywhere; big, short, tall, or small stay away from that mirror, mirrorcises dont work. As i go i leave you with a saying my assistant basketball coach in high school would tell me,

"Keep it smooth ladies and gentlemen."

Men's, women's basketball get ready for upcoming season

BASKETBALL

Jonathan Barker
Staff writer

This upcoming men and women's basketball season can be looked at as a rebuilding year and a year to continue some good fortunes.

Men

After an 18-12 record in the regular season the Apache Men's Team made it to the second round of the Region XIV basketball tournament, beating rival Kilgore Junior College. However, they fell short by eventually losing to eventual champions Lamar in the next round.

The Apaches are in somewhat of a rebuilding mode, as the men will be returning 4 players from last season, but head coach Mike Marquis believes differently.

"We're returning four players from last season (TaJon Welcome, Trevor Berkeley, Daniel Endozie, Winslo Barry) most Junior Colleges have close to nothing back," Marquis said.

A key cog missing from this years men's team is Jaron Johnson, a Tyler native from John Tyler, who was named first team all-conference and all-region. Again Coach Marquis isn't worried stating, "Someone will take the shots."

Not only do the men have to replace Johnson but the Apaches also have a new assistant coach in Troy Johnson, a California native.

"We're happy to have Troy here, finding someone of his caliber this late in the process was great," Marquis said.

Not living in the past Coach Marquis and the Apaches look forward to the challenge of a new season with some new faces and an eventful season.

Women

Last year the TJC Apache Ladies basketball team had what some would say one of their best seasons under head coach Trina

Tillis-Jones.

Last year the Apaches ended the season with a 25-8 record and also had four players sign scholarships to continue playing basketball.

One of the players that signed last year Markisha Hawkins led the Apache Ladies in scoring at 15.3 points per game, and was named NJCAA honorable mention All-American last season, so replacing her will be a struggle at first, but Coach Jones is confident that a mix of transfers and freshman will help.

"We can't just have one person replace her (Hawkins) so we're looking for some of our transfers and freshmen to fill in for her," Jones said

One transfer Coach Jones is excited about is Kimberly Munoz, a transfer from Colorado. Munoz was a McDonald's All American finalist that is coming to TJC in hopes of playing Division I basketball

"I wanted a better chance to play Division I, and on my visit here my chances are pretty big."

MEET ASHLEY

Class of 2013



For Ashley, a senior biology student from Kempner, Texas, it was the opportunity to work closely with her professors and the Honors College that convinced her to attend A&M-Commerce.

"I enjoyed the look and feel of the university, and how the small campus allows for closer relationships with professors," she said. "I also won a full ride scholarship through acceptance into the Honors College."

While Ashley came to Commerce with only a general goal of studying biology, opportunities to pursue undergraduate research projects sparked a career interest in cancer research.

"When I came to A&M-Commerce, I had no idea what I wanted to do with my life other than get a degree in biology," Ashley said. "Working in a research lab here made me realize that I really want to do something that has meaning and gives back. Being here has helped shape my decision to go to grad school and become a cancer biologist."

When Ashley's not studying for her GRE, finishing her honors thesis and preparing for graduate school, she's enjoying the myriad of activities available on campus like watching chainsaw jugglers, attending events like the Eli Young Band concert or participating in her favorite event so far, Relay for Life.

Major: Biology

Interests: Undergraduate research, Relay for Life

Favorite Class: Immunology

Favorite professor: Dr. Stephen Starnes

Favorite on-campus activities: Eli Young Band concert, Relay for Life

Interesting facts: Member of the Honors College, wants to become a researcher to fight cancer



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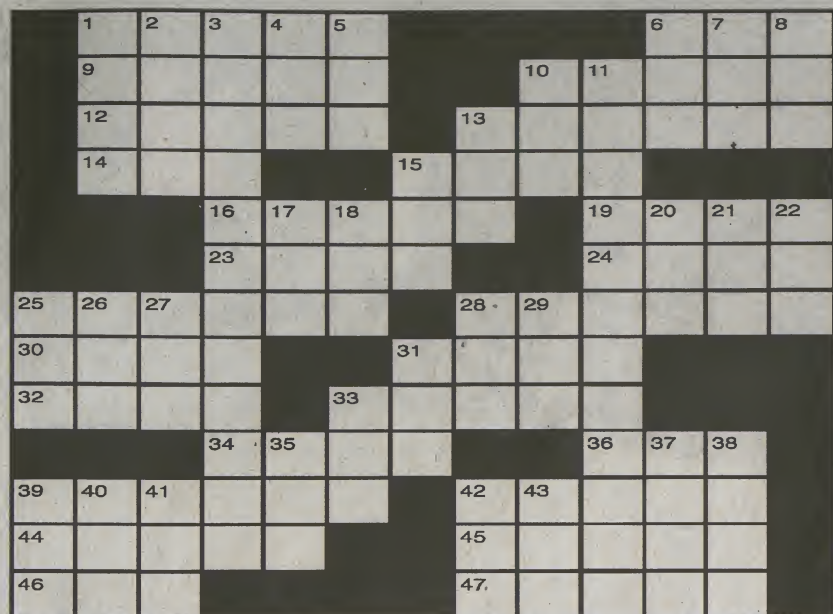
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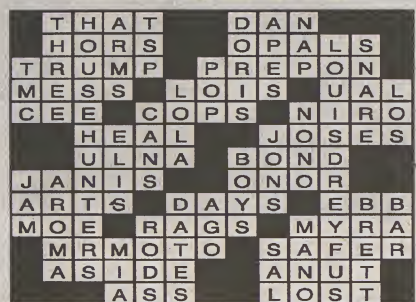
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- 6 Actor Aykroyd
- 9 Goofer
- 10 "___": Out of Order"; series on the National Geographic Channel
- 12 Drinks for Norm on "Cheers"
- 13 "___ House"; movie for John Belushi
- 14 Actress ___ Madigan
- 15 Football kick
- 16 "___ Tank"
- 19 Some accountants: abbr.
- 23 Taurus or Prius
- 24 Actress ___ Lange
- 25 Marilyn Monroe or Madonna, for example
- 28 "Candid" ___
- 30 Verdi opera
- 31 Stylish
- 32 "___ the Fockers"
- 33 "___ Watch"; Coby Bell drama series
- 34 Margarine
- 36 Eddie's "Green Acres" costar
- 39 Mark of "NCIS"

- 42 "The ___", adventure series for George Peppard
- 44 Hee-haws
- 45 Danny Thomas' daughter
- 46 Mel the Giant
- 47 "Men in ___"

DOWN

- 1 Sitcom about a soccer mom
- 2 City in Utah
- 3 Series for Ellen Pompeo
- 4 Suffix for command or profit
- 5 Yellow Brick and others: abbr.
- 6 Not well-lit
- 7 "Not ___ Stranger"; Sinatra movie
- 8 League for Ducks & Oilers: abbr.
- 10 Ms. Jillian
- 11 Josh Lucas' role on "The Firm"
- 13 Black-and-white diving bird
- 15 "Semi-___"; Will Ferrell film
- 17 Paul Newman/Patricia Neal film
- 18 "I can't believe I ___ the whole thing!"
- 20 "The Raven" poet
- 21 Spring month: abbr.
- 22 "20,000 Leagues Under the ___"
- 25 Word from Emeril
- 26 "___ to Me"; Tim Roth crime drama series
- 27 "___ to Billy Joe"
- 28 Actor McBride
- 29 "Up in the ___"; George Clooney film
- 31 Comedian Margaret
- 33 "The Whole ___ Yards"; movie for Bruce Willis
- 35 "NCIS: ___ Angeles"
- 37 Singer Jerry
- 38 Actor John of "Good Times"
- 39 Premium movie channel
- 40 Carney or Linkletter
- 41 "___ Race"; movie for Whoopi
- 42 Quantity: abbr.
- 43 Street paver's substance

Solution to Last Week's Puzzle



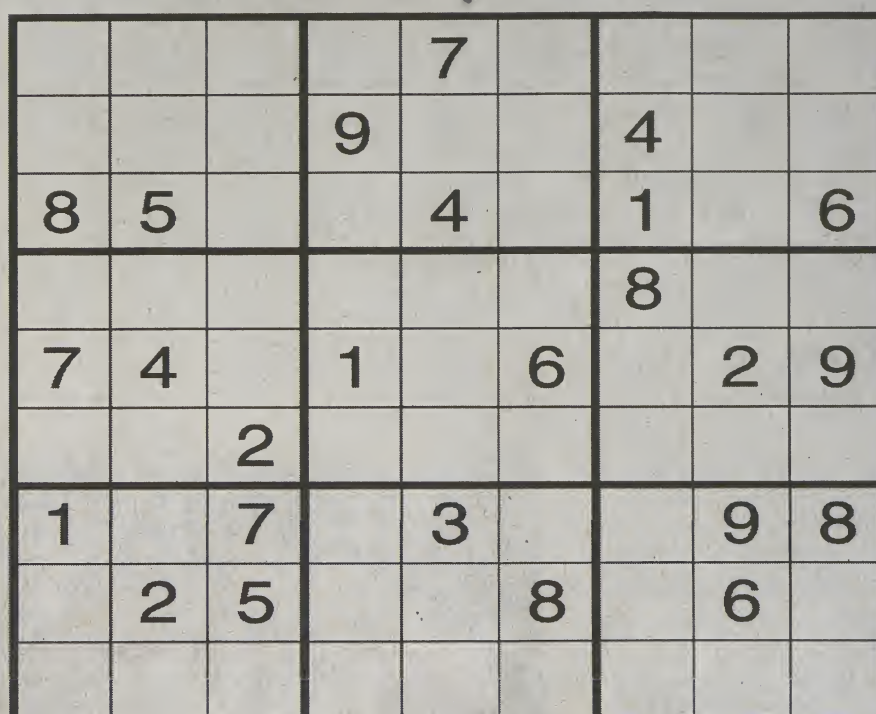
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4	5	2	1	9	3	6	8	7
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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

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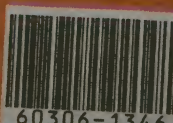
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TENNIS

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This is what he describes as his favorite award.

"It's a really cool thing to have Arthur Ashe's name next to your name, so that's probably the coolest thing I've ever gotten," he said.

After a period of coaching at a country club, Connell returned to TJC as a grad assistant. A short while after Coach Peterson would step down from the head coach position. This would turn out to be when Dash was given a real chance to show what he could do. He was named as interim head coach for the 2011-12 season. It was in his time as interim coach that he began to shift from a fill in for the position to a reasonable long term replacement for Coach Peterson.

Connell would impress many during his time as interim coach by leading the woman's team to a nation title and the men's team to a second place finish. He impressed so much that earlier this year, he was officially named as the head tennis coach. For him this was a surprise.

"To think back five years ago I didn't think I

would be doing this. I didn't think I would have the opportunity to do something like this," Connell said.

While this year's team is still constantly growing closer and developing a bond, Coach Dash said, "We're going to work hard; we have a fun group of kids who work hard and support each other."

Does this mean that we can expect the same near perfection we've come to expect? He said that he doesn't measure the team's success by how many national championships they win but rather if they can continue the tradition of the kind of student athletes they have, the kind of GPA's they have, and the kind of graduates they put out.

"There have been some amazing coaches, so for me to be a part of that lineage, to put my name in that hat is a pretty awesome thing to me."

Connell is beginning his own legacy, and the future seems very bright for him.

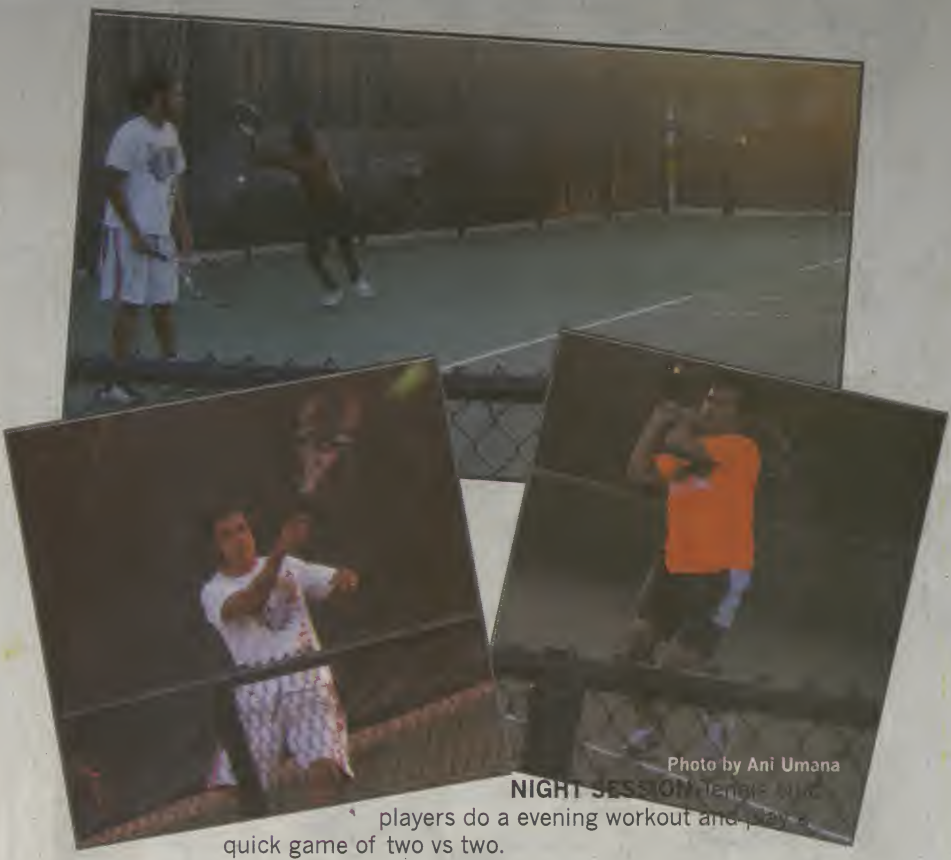


Photo by Ani Umana
NIGHT SESSION Tennis players do an evening workout and play a quick game of two vs two.

TRiO

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Anthony Robinson, TRiO academic retention specialist, said.

The TRiO program offers services to a variety of students.

"They have to have a four-year major to qualify. Other ways to qualify are if they're low income, if they're first generation college student; and that means their parents can have an associates degree but not a bachelor's degree," said Reeves. "If they have any kind of a handicap, a disability, or have been out of school a long time."

The TRiO program ensures that TJC students go on to be successful not only in school here, but at a four-year university and in life after that.

"We are so much more than a book loan program. Students whose goal is to achieve a bachelor degree can receive so much extra help from the TRiO Program to aid their success," Renee Hawkins, TRiO project coordinator, said. "Please encourage them to apply."



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DOUBLE TIME WITH TUTORS TJC student, Kelley Tackett, gets tutoring provided by TRiO from a pink-capped tutor.

campusSCENE

All Are Welcome



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STOPPING BY THE NAVY TABLE At the activities fair, a TJC student talks to a soldier and picks up information on opportunities to serve in the military.

NICHE

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organizations were created in an effort to make students feel at home.

All of the information on these groups can be found in the Center for Student Life, and Involvement Office located on the second floor of Rogers Student Center.

"Attending the student senate meetings is a great way to know what's going on, on campus," said Tyler.

"It would have been extremely hard for me, as an active student, to not have an organization to be with. You need those people to depend on. Otherwise, I think that's where you lose other students," Tyler said.

Austen Reed, the student senate president, advised freshmen, "to get involved, know the right people, and get in good with your



Photo by Belen Casillas

teachers."

A couple of big events coming up in the near future are Parents Weekend, which is happening September 14-15, and homecoming week activities, which are still being planned.

When it comes to getting involved, Tyler advised students to "treat it like a blind date and put yourself out there."

To find out more about the different groups on campus, go online at tjc.edu. Click on the "Campus Life" link and under "Student Clubs and Organizations"; there will be a list of all the different clubs. Students can also visit the Center for Student Life and Involvement Office on the second floor of Rogers Student Center or call their office at 903-510-2797.

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